

THE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9.

COMMUNICATED.

Church Music.

An admirer of good music and believing in its adaptation to the highest style, to the worship of God, to the accomplishment of much good, I submit a few extracts from an article on Church Music taken from the Home Journal in support of my views on the subject, knowing that at this present time much is being said and written in reference to Choral exercises in some of the churches.

Every true worshipper in the Church, of whatever denomination, feels, more or less, the importance of properly sustaining this department of church service, and it is gratifying to see how generally good music is appreciated. In the early history of our churches but little attention was paid to this important branch of worship, and it was performed, for the most part, voluntarily by whoever chose to attach themselves to it. The result was an absence of regularity and system, and oftentimes the singing had to be omitted for want of performers; and, under the most favorable circumstances, the music was considered only a sort of necessary adjunct to make up the service.

The time has come when the musical performances must be of a high order to satisfy the cultivated taste inspired by the progress of the art, and the most devout worshippers are among those who most highly appreciate the service of praise in the sanctuary. So much improvement has been made, that it is not strange if, in some instances, too great importance is attached to this branch, and a larger amount expended for superior performances than is, perhaps, consistent or necessary in the proper economy of church expenses; but every lover of the art will admit that the great benefits which have resulted from the improvements made, and the interest now so generally manifested in this direction.

It is sometimes painful in the extreme to a sensitive mind to witness the cool inattention to say the least, of clergymen in the pulpit during the performances of the choir.

If the clergymen do not observe a becoming interest during the praises of the congregation, how can they claim or expect an entire devotion to the performance of the higher functions of the office? The difficulty and the truth are that, in the clerical profession, it has not been considered necessary to have any knowledge of music, though it forms such an important part of divine service; hence it is not unrequently occurs that hymns of peculiar metre, and for which, perhaps, there is no appropriate music, are given out by the clergyman, and it by chance there is an appropriate tune in the music books of the choir, he makes a wretched saying, "Omit the second, he says," when the tune already selected is written double or for two verses complete; in this case, if the number of verses to be sung is uneven, the choir must break off in the middle or otherwise disregard the omission.

There is a sort of chronic habit among clergymen which almost compels them to "omit" some portion of the hymns in the best collections, which have been often revised for the purpose of making the whole acceptable, and the omission of a single verse often injures greatly the effect intended by the writer of the hymn. If any portion of the hymn selected is positively objectionable, the omission should be so made as to allow always an even number of verses to sing, so as to avoid confusion or discrepancy in the performances of the choir.

The importance of some knowledge of music on the part of clergymen is not understood generally, and a hasty selection of a hymn not adapted to the occasion has the effect to dissipate the good impressions made by a well-timed discourse; on the contrary, if the selection is good and appropriate, the effect of the service is greatly enhanced, and clergymen who have a cultivated musical taste can only understand how much depends upon providing intelligently for the praises of their congregations, as only perfect harmony in all the service can secure the best effects and do justice to the most able efforts of eloquent preachers of the gospel.

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